

PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.
(OFFICIAL REPORT.)
FIRST ASSEMBLY.
SEVENTH SESSION.

Wednesday, the 13th November 1935/27th Thulam 1111.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Medical Examination of school children.

10. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in 1107, 1108 and 1109, respectively, for the medical examination of school children; and

(b) the action taken by the Department on the result of such examination?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) 1107. Medical Inspection of school children was not conducted during the year and no amount was spent.

1108—Rs. 1,726-0-7

1109—Rs. 1,834-15-3

(b) Intimation of defects observed was given to the guardians and steps were taken to carry out the suggestions of Medical Officers, as far as possible.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): When were the orders for the medical examination of school children passed for the first time?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether medical inspection was conducted in 1106?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know why medical inspection of school children was not conducted in 1107?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I think there was some discussion as to whether inspection should be conducted in the present form or not; so and also as a measure of retrenchment, medical inspection was held in abeyance during that year.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether all the officers of the Medical Department are competent to conduct medical inspection?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Only officers of the grade of Sub-Assistant Surgeon of six years' standing or higher.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know why Sub-Assistant Surgeons of less than six years' standing are not allowed to conduct medical inspection of school children even though they are in charge of dispensaries?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Six years' standing means a certain amount of experience.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I ask whether the Sub-Assistant Surgeons, who are in charge of dispensaries, are considered to be competent to conduct *post-mortem* examinations in murder cases?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The member will have to refer to the Police Commissioner or the Durbar Physician for an answer.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What steps are being taken to carry out the suggestions of the Medical Officers?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Medical Officers inspect not only the pupils but also the school buildings, urinals, latrines, etc. So far as buildings and out-houses are concerned, the department takes necessary action.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question only relates to medical inspection of school children and not to school buildings.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): With regard to pupils, the guardians should take action.

PRESIDENT: Members must always address the Chair.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): So far as pupils are concerned, guardians are expected to take the necessary action.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether Government propose, according to the present scheme, to allow all Sub-Assistant Surgeons to inspect school children?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether Sub-Assistant Surgeons of less than 6 years' standing are put in charge of the work?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have no information.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether Government have any idea as to the extent of the defects found out so far as 1109 is concerned?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Every year we get reports with regard to the number of pupils suffering from skin diseases, eye diseases, and so on.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether information of these defects is given to the guardians?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Is it given orally or in writing?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In writing.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know who gives the information to the guardians, the Medical Officers or the school authorities.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Headmasters of schools.

Duty on articles imported from Indian States.

11. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are levying import duty on articles imported into the State from the Native States, such as Mysore, Baroda and Hyderabad; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (a) No duty is being levied on goods other than tobacco, spirits, salt and opium.

(b) Under the Interportal Trade Convention, articles forming the produce or manufacture of British India and the Cochin State as well as foreign goods which have paid import duty in British India or Cochin State, except spirits, tobacco, salt and opium, are admitted free of duty into Travancore. Produces or manufactures of Indian States other than Cochin come into Travancore either through the ports of the State or *via* British India through the land frontier chowkeys. If duty is levied on such articles at the ports, they will be diverted to the land routes causing diminution to the activities of the ports. The levy of duty on such articles at the land frontier will result in a discrimination between articles coming from Native States and those coming from British India and the Cochin State. The volume of imports from Native States other than Cochin is not large enough to justify such a discrimination. Therefore, no duty is now levied on goods forming the produce or manufacture of Native States such as Mysore, Baroda and Hyderabad.